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A BRIEF OUTLINE

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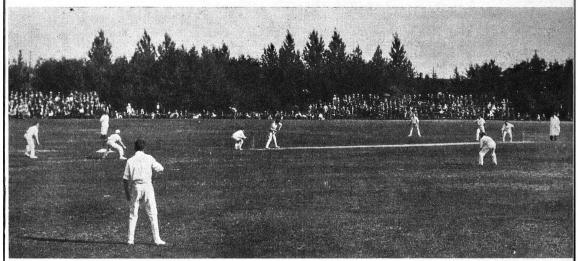
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FOREWORD

Cricket in Calgary brings to mind the "Oval" on the Royal North West Police Ground on Stephens Avenue and 6th Street East—the college ground at Western Canada College and later through the kindness of the late Mr. W. R. Reader, the beautiful pitches at Riley Park. One thinks of P. W., Timms, Barnett, Steevie, Barker and Yeadon and a host of other good fellows, many of whom we shall see no more; the first Great War and the resurgence of the game in Calgary—of teams at Strathmore and Inglewood and what good sportsmen they were, playing season after season without winning a single game. Playing the game because they loved it. It was well said indeed that "in America baseball is played on a diamond, but cricket is played on the hearts of the men and women of England"—one might add on the hearts of Britishers throughout the world.

Norman Dingle, Col.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 1949 will see the making of cricket history in Alberta. Four provincial team; one each from Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, are competing for the Hiram Walker trophy, emblematic of Canadian cricket supremacy. As this is the first time a Dominion tournament has been played in Alberta, I think it is fortunate that Edmonton and Calgary are to share the honours of playing host to the competing teams.

Alberta has had the good fortune in years past to welcome teams from England (M.C.C.) Australia, Eastern Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The competition provided by the visiting teams, undoubtedly had a stimulating effect on our local cricket. I believe, however, that this tournament will prove to be more beneficial to Alberta cricket than anything previously undertaken. Furthermore, I am confident that if these Dominion tournaments can be made a yearly fixture, or, at least, one fixture in every two years, cricket will be making real progress throughout Canada, and moving closer to the time when consideration can be given to Canadian participation in international cricket.

I cannot let this occasion pass without expressing gratitude to those fine cricketers, and equally fine suppirters of cricket, who, throughout the past years did so much to keep the game alive in this Province. It is mainly due to their foresight and tenacity of purpose that we are currently enjoying this tournament. Their affection and enthusiasm for the game convincingly demonstrates the real spirit of cricket.

To all our visitors we extend a sincere welcome. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and carry away many pleasant memories of the 1949 tournament and your visit to Alberta.

HAROLD CHAMBERS,

President Alberta Cricket Association.



TO THE READER

The following remarks about cricket are offered, in conjunction with the bird's eye view of the field of play, showing the orthodox position of the players. The idea is that those of whom there are so many who know little or nothing of the game may be enabled to follow the play with a greater idea as to "What it is all about."

THE UMPIRES—In all points of play their decision is final; but may not give a batsman in or out unless appeal is made by one of the fielding side.

THE BATSMEN—The objective is to make as many runs as possible for their side, and a run is scored every time the batsman change ends, whether from the bat, (which counts to the striker) or from no balls, wides, byes, or leg byes (the latter count in the total score only). If a ball is hit to the boundary (4) or over (6) the batsmen do not run or change ends.

THE BOWLER—With the aid of nine men in the field, and a stumper, his aim is to keep the batsmen from making runs, and with that end in view he may bowl over, under, or round arm, or bowl from either side of the wicket. He must bowl the ball within reach of the striker, otherwise it is a wide; the ball must be bowled, if thrown or jerked it is a "no ball"—(both points decided by the Umpire without an appeal from any player, the wide ball by the Umpire at the bowlers end, the no ball by either.)

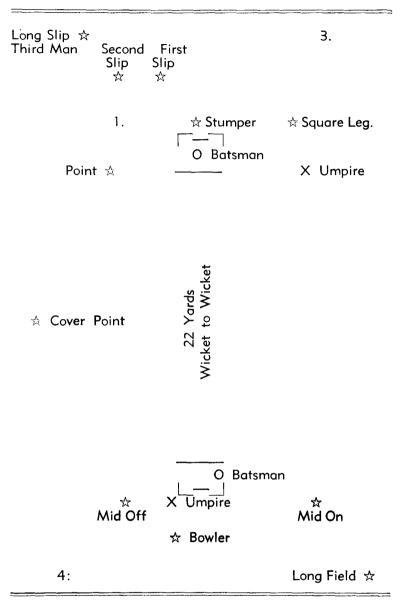
THE BALL is bowled in Overs consisting of 8 balls each from alternate ends. Wides or no balls not counted in the Over.

HOW A BATSMAN MAY BE OUT -

There are Nine different ways.

Bowled; Caught; Stumped; Run Out; Leg before wicket, (the most vexing law in the game); Hit Wicket, whilst making a stroke; handled the ball; hit the ball twice (except in defence of his wicket) and obstructing the field (wilfully).

FIELDING POSITIONS AT CRICKET



NOTE:—Depending on the type of bowler, a fielder may be taken from any position shown and moved to any location desired by the bowler. For instance a fielder is often placed at either (1) Gulley; (2) Extra Cover; (3) Fine Leg; (4) Out Field.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CRICKET IN CALGARY

Cricket has played an important part in the athletic life of Calgary, and records show that as far back as 1884 it was a popular sport. In the opening game of that year the Mounties trounced the Calgary Club by an innings and 20 runs.

In those early days the "Scarlet Riders of the Plains" found time to keep alive in the west the grand old game. Mr. R. C. Thomas, who played cricket in Calgary in those days, tells some very interesting anecdotes of games in which he played.

FIRST LEAGUE ORGANIZED

The first organized league of which we find record was in 1908 when a league was formed consisting of the Calgary Club, St. John's Club, Hillhurst and Sheep Creek. The executive of that league was as follows: President, Maurice Carr, Hillhurst, Secretary; Mr. Jephson and Messrs. J. W. Stagg of St. John's, Joseph of Sheep Creek and Tom Bryant of Calgary as executive committee. From that time until the war of 1914-18 cricket flourished in Calgary.

It was during this period that the Western Canada Tournament was first organized; the first tournament being held in Winnipeg in 1911.

Another milestone in Calgary cricket history was the visit of the Australian Eleven in 1913. In the first game Australia defeated the local team by a score of 354 to 96, but on the second day's play the Calgary eleven showed improvement, thanks to some splendid bowling by J. Leslie Bell. The final scores being Australia 129, Calgary 102.

During the war years of 1914 to 1918 very little cricket was played in Calgary. There were a few friendly games between the few cricketers left in Calgary and some of the army. The war took quite a heavy toll of those who had played cricket up to 1914.

RENEWED INTEREST AFTER WAR

At the close of the war there was a revival of the game and by 1920 we find no less than twelve teams competing in the league. From this time until 1939 Calgary enjoyed plenty of good and interesting cricket. Besides the regular league fixtures and the annual competitions for such trophies as the Van Wort Cup, the Hingston Cup and the Craven Cup, regular inter-city games were played each year between Edmonton and Calgary for the Weaver Cup.

The Weaver Cup is a trophy that was subscribed for and set up as a trophy for competition between the cities of Alberta by admirers of the late Col. C. Y. Weaver, former M.L.A., who did so much during his lifetime to foster both cricket and soccer in Alberta.

At various times added interest has been provided by the visit of cricket teams from outside the Province. Calgary has twice entertained an eleven from Ridley College, and on another occasion was favoured with a visit from an Eastern Canada eleven. A tour of Canada by a team from the M.C.C. of England in 1937 created a great deal of interest, while perhaps the visit of the Australians in 1932 was the outstanding event for Calgary cricketers since World War I.

WESTERN CANADA TOURNAMENTS

One must not forget the Western Canada Tournament games which were revived in 1921, and which created keen rivalry between the four Western Provinces until the last tournament which was played in Victoria in 1931. It is deeply regretted that financial conditions after that date interfered with these really interesting inter-provincial gatherings.

A Short History of Cricket in Calgary-Continued.

Perhaps this might be a proper place to give a short review of Alberta's record in these contests. As mentioned earlier the first Western Canada Tournament was held n Winnipeg in 1911. At that time British Columbia had not joined the Western Canada Cricket Association and competition was confined to the three Prairie Provinces.

In 1912 the tournament was held in Calgary and Alberta carried off the championship. Oldtimers still remember a splendid first wicket partnership of those well known cricketers P. P. Barnett and P. W. Johnson, who both reached their century.

The next Alberta success was in 1914 at Regina. The team that represented Alberta in that year under the leadership of Napper of Macleod made a remarkable showing. In that tournament no team scored more than 150 runs against Alberta, and the batsment from the Foothills scored no less than 250 in each innings and were never all out. Percy Barnett came through that week with an average of 96.

Interprovincial cricket was dropped during the war years and it was not until 1921 that the tournaments were revived. This year British Columbia took part in the contest for the first time and after a very interesting week at Calgary the Coast Province managed to wrest the Dingwall Cup from Alberta. In this tourn ament. Percy Barnett set up a record by scoring 184 not out against Manitoba. That record still stands, but was almost equalled by another Alberta batsman, Cyril Falck, when he played a grand innings of 180 not out against Saskatchewan at Victoria in 1931.

Alberta did not regain the trophy lost in 1921 unti 1924 at Winnipeg. The Alberta team that won in 1924 was composed entirely of Calgary players. In 1925 at Regina the Alberta team shared honcurs with British Columbia. In both these years the well remembered bowling combination of P. W. Johnson and P. J. Timms proved very effective and contributed in no small measure to the success of the Alberta team. It was in 1925 that Cyril Falck first showed his real value in tournament cricket, and he has since stood out as one of Western Canada's outstanding batsmen, while his fielding in the slips will long be remembered.

Alberta did not make a very impressive showing during the next four years, but in 1930 at Calgary they again won the tournament. In this tournament Bill Dean carried off batting honours and T. L. Wright was the outstanding bowler.

In 1931 at Victoria, British Columbia again took the honours from our Province, but were given a real argument before winning. It was at Victoria that Cyril Falck almost equalled Barnett's record of 184 not out when he played a splendid innings of 180 not out against Saskatchewan. T. L. Wright again carried off bowling honours.

Since 1931 no tournament has been held, but in 1938 and 1939 an Alberta team visited Vancouver to take part in the B.C. Annual Cricket Week.

WAR CLOUDS AGAIN

Organized cricket again received a serious setback with the outbreak of World War II, but the game was kept alive because of the presence in Calgary of a large number of British and Australian boys who were being trained here for the Air Force. They provided keen friendly opposition to those of us who were still in a position to play cricket in Calgary, and we sincerely believe that many of them will have taken away very pleasant memories of games played at Riley Park.

GROUNDS

Perhaps this short story of Calgary Cricket would not be quite complete without reference to the grounds used for cricket. We are told that one of the first grounds used for cricket is the site where Victoria School is now located on 12th Avenue and 3rd Street East. In 1909 and 1910 games were played where the Col. Walker School now stands. About that same time the Calgary Club used the old Barrack Park, adjoining the present Canadian National freight sheds on Ninth Avenue.

Beautiful Riley Park, now looked upon as the home of Calgary cricket, was first used in 1914, when games were played between the soldiers of Sarcee Camp and Calgary. Since that time Riley Park has been regularly a reminder to the Englishman of the cricket fields of the old land, and many of us really enjoy sitting under the shade of the trees on a sunny afternoon to watch a cricket match in progress.

Other cricket grounds used extensively were at Western Canada College, South Calgary, Parkdale and Inglewood. Cricket was also played at different times on the site where the Glencoe Club now stands and also out on the Grand Trunk Subdivision.

GIRL CRICKETERS

On Friday, August 11th, 1939, Riley Park held one of its largest crowds of the season. The occasion being the visit of two teams of English school girl cricketers. One team representing the North and the other team the South.

Both teams gave a sparkling exhibition of cricket and to see those twenty-two pretty young girls in action was something that will long be remembered by those who were fortunate in being able to witness the game.

The result of the game was 143-75 in favour of the South eleven. The top scorer for that team was Miss M. Swan with a well played 49; while Miss M. Parker playing for the North eleven scored a delightful 40 before being cleverly caught by Miss Shirley Tardy.

The girls were from various private schools in the old country; and the trip to Canada was sponsored by the National Educational Overseas League.

The Executive of the Calgary and District Cricket League were indebted to Mr. R. C. Carlile of this city for making it possible to arrange this enjoyable game.

The girls were neatly dressed in white skirts and sweaters with becoming white sun hats; and it is doubtful if a prettier gathering of athletes ever before graced a Calgary sports arena. In spite of the day being stifling hot, the players thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



CAPTAIN AND UMPIRE

The spirit of cricket demands unquestioning submission to constituted authority, as represented by the umpire and by the captain of the side. It is recognized that the remedy if either be incompetent is not to insult or flout him at the time, but rather see to it that he gets no opportunity of repeating his exhibition of ineptitude. So long as a captain is in the saddle, his dispositions must be carried out; so long as an umpire IS an umpire, his decisions must be accepted without question. It is partly in this last respect that the spirit of cricket differs so materially from that of most other games.

WITH THE JUNIORS

It was not until about 1930 that Senior Calgary Cricketers made any serious effort to encourage Junior Cricket. About that time efforts were made to coach the boys, and through the efforts of such men as the late W. R. Reader, the late T. F. Beresford, S. F. Trusler, the late A. G. A. Clowes, T. L. Wright, H. Taylor A. B. Cartwright and the late R. A. Appleton kept the boys interested in the game and were given good coaching and a real love for the game.

Games were organized and by September of 1931 it was possible to invite a team of boys from Edmonton to come to Calgary for a Junior Inter-city match. That first game ended in a win for the Edmonton boys who were a trifle older and more experienced than the Calgary boys. The score was quite close, being Edmonton 80, Calgary 64.

This was the first Junior inter-city cricket game played between Edmonton and Calgary, but there have been a number of such games since that time, and Calgary have had their share of success in such contests.

At the Labour Day contest in 1932, Calgary was successful, and thus became the first holders of the Henry Birks Challenge Shield emblematic of the Junior Championship of Alberta.

In this year, sufficient interest among the Juniors had been aroused to make it possible to form "The Calgary Junior Cricket League" which was organized in April of 1932 with the late W. R. Reader as President, the late A. G, A, Clowes, Vice President, and Dan Clowes, Secretary-Treasurer. Henry Birks and Sons donated a handsome shield for Competition by the junior cricket teams of the Province. The winner of the shield to be recognized as Provincial Junior Champions.

From this time until the start of the war in 1939 junior cricket flourished in Calgary, and some of the best cricketers in Calgary today are young men who learned their cricket at Riley Park during those years.

In 1939 an Inter-Provincial Junior Cricket Tournament was organized, and the first Tournament was held at Vancouver, in July 1939 on the beautiful upper and lower Brockton Point Grounds in Stanley Park.

Teams competing in the tournament were from Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, and British Columbia.

The late Mr. E. A. Quinn of Vancouver, who was familiarly known to cricket lovers, young and old as "Bob" Quinn generously presented a cup for competition by Junior Cricket Elevens of Canada. The cup will be known as "The Dominion of Canada Junior Cricket Cup". The cup is for annual competition.

At the close of a delightful week of cricket, the final standing of the Teams were as follows:—

	Ρ.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
British Columbia	6	5	1	0	10
Ontario		3	1	2	8
Alberta	6	1	3	2	4
Manitoba	6	1	5	0	2

One of the week's highlights was the game on the final day of the tournament between British Columia and Ontario. Much to the surprise of the 3000 spectators that were present the B.C. Team easily defeated the team from Eastern Canada by 132 runs. At the close of the game the score board read: British Columbia 227, (for six wickets declared) Ontario 95 all out. Thus the B.C. Juniors became the first team to win the E. A. Ouinn trophy.

Some of the highlights of the Alberta team were: The only hat trick of the tournament by Pete Snell of Calgary while playing against Manitoba. A first wicket stand against Ontario by E. R. Jones and W. Drever of Edmonton. Their scores were: Jones 66, Drever 79. Both boys were undefeated at the close of play. The same two players opening the innings against Manitoba scored Jones 39, caught. Drever 43 bowled. Jones played another fine opening batsman's innings against B.C., scoring 50 before being bowled.

The Alberta Team was made up of the following players:

From Edmonton: W. Drever, D. Hendra, K. Collins, J. Gallimore, I. Younger, E. R. Jones.

From Calgary: H. Bailes, I. Clark, J. Adams, P. Snell, D. Elves, K. Fraser.

Experience has shown both in Calgary and other parts of Canada that it is not sufficient to maintain Senior teams with their mature and sometimes disappearing players. If the game is to continue in Calgary serious efforts must be made to encourage Canadian boys to play cricket.

Cricket must justify itself to the Calgary public. It must be good cricket to interest players and spectators and to obtain the necessary financial support. Strong junior teams must be built up as they are the training ground for the seniors. We must at all costs do everything possible to obtain adequate funds to carry on this work so that there may always be good players available to step into the vacant places that will inevitably be left by the Seniors.



UMPIRING MADE EASY

Two rival Lancashire villages playing their annual cricket match went out to take the field, that one of the umpires was missing. The skipper of the home team, recognizing an acquaintance among the spectators, asked him if he would officiate. To this the spectator agreed, but at the same time pointed out that his knowledge of the game was rather rudimentary. "That's all reet, said the captain. "Sitha, lad, we're fielding first, and whenever you hear anybody say 'Huzzatt?" ye say, 'Howt.'...Later on, when we go in to bat, I'll tell thee a bit more." ...

HIS ONLY DOUBT

It was the annual village cricket-club dinner, and in turn each of the officials was called upon to make a speech. Last on the list came the village barber, who was also one of the official umpires. "I don't think, gentlemen," he said with becoming modesty, "that I gave a wrong decision all the season. There was one time when I was a little in doubt about whether or not our captain was run out, and if he hadn't been a regular customer of mine I might have been tempted to say 'Next gentleman, please.'"

A NICE POINT

At a village cricket match the bowler got the batsman obviously in front of the wicket. "How's that?" he triumphantly shouted. "Not out," came the reply from the umpire, and at the same time he added in a confidential tone, "That was jolly 'ard luck. If that 'ere ball 'adn't 'it old Bill's leg it would have bowled him."



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Sincerely,
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DOMINION CRICKET TOURNAMENT 1949 SCHEDULE OF GAMES

EDMONTON:--Sunday-July 24th: Manitoba vs. Alberta.

Ontario vs. British Columbia.

Monday—July 25th: Ontario vs. Alberta.

B.C. vs. Manitoba.

Tuesday—July 26th: B.C. vs. Alberta.

Manitoba vs. Ontario.

CALGARY:— Thursday—July 28th: Alberta vs. Manitoba.

B.C. vs. Ontario.

Friday—July 29th: Alberta vs. Ontario.

Manitoba vs. British Columbia.

Saturday—July 30th: Alberta vs. British Columbia.

Ontario vs. Manitoba.

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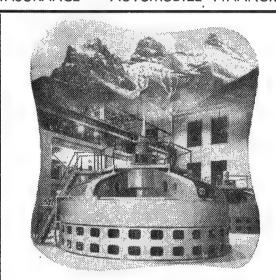
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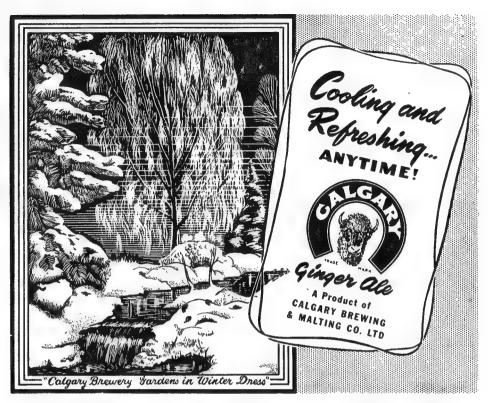
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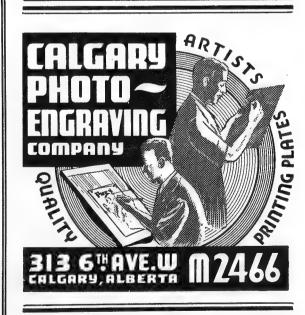
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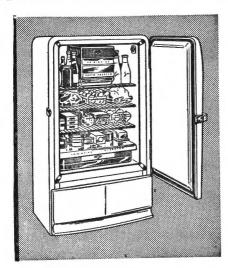
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